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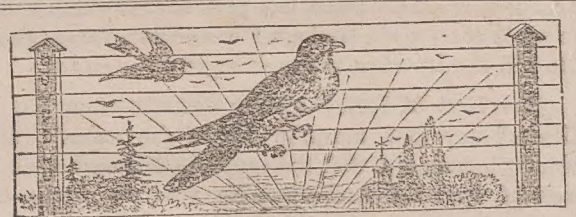

News by Cable.

In Athens the war fever is so intense and general that it is carrying the Government with it. Whenever it becomes known outside that a debate on the frontier question is going on in the Chamber the populace crowd into the galleries of the House, and patriotic speeches, whether coming from the Government or Opposition benches, are cheered to the echo by the Deputies on both sides, as well as by the public in the galleries. The present Minister, M. Coumoundouros, is a self-made man, having neither family influence nor other interest to back him, but a wonderful gift of tact and knowledge of men. This enables him to keep his friends by his side, humouring this one, cajoling that one, threatening the other. He is undoubtedly clever; and, had he the powers of a dictator, would pull his country well through this critical period of its history; but he is surrounded by an entourage of incapables, for not one of the other ministers of his Cabinet can be said to be gifted with capacity of the meanest description. The natural consequence is that the whole weight of Government falls on his shoulders alone, and that he has himself to be borne along by the current of public opinion. Whatever his own private convictions may be, he knows that his only chance of retaining his position is by advocating a raw policy.

The interest created by the protracted negotiation on the Turco-Greek question is intensified by the efforts made by the ambassadors to keep the proceedings as secret as possible. The attitude of the Turkish Plenipotentiary is regarded as more reassuring, at the same time that the Porte seems, according to the most reliable information, to be still resolute in its expressed determination not to cede Metzovo and Janina. The next meeting of the Turkish Ministerial Council is fixed for to-morrow, when it is expected that a memorandum will be drawn up, defining the limit of the concession the Porte is now prepared to make to Greece. The Anglo-German proposals are said to form the base of this memorandum. Meantime large bodies of the Reserve in Asia are being summoned to join their colours.

After a week's continuous discussion the Tariff Bill has been disposed of by the French Senate, with the exception of the clauses on yarns and tissues, which will be taken up on Thursday next. At yesterday's sitting the new Army Administration Bill was passed by the Chamber. The Conscription Bill, reported to the Chamber late last evening, completely abolishes all the exemptions hitherto recognised, with the exception of five normal schools, in which drill will be taught, their pupils binding themselves to serve the State for ten years. Ecclesiastical students, and those training for education posts, are to be assigned the second section of the contingent, and will be discharged after twelve months' service if efficient. Priests and schoolmasters are to be exempt from service in time of war. The Paris Fire Brigade is to be supplied with fire engines and better "escapes" as substitutes for single arms and rifles—a desirable exchange.

Reliable information has been received in the German capital from St. Petersburg, to the effect that the annexation of the Tekke Turcoman district has been decided upon by the Russians. The new province is to be named Trans-Caspia, and Geok Tepe is to be made a great military base of operations. General Fromberg is designated governor.

Russia is negotiating with Persia for the possession of the fortress of Sarakhs on the road to Herat. Nothing can be more perilous to British India than the success of this intrigue.

M. Trecoupis, the leader of the Opposition, a much younger man than M. Coumoundouros, is a member of one of the leading Greek families. Unlike his opponent, he has the support of the aristocracy, and consequently most of the talent of the country is at his disposal. He possesses the "fire of genius," and may be styled the Gambetta of Greece. More warlike in his sentiments than M. Coumoundouros, to him is due the initiation of almost all the war preparations which have hitherto been made. In fact, his heaviest charge against the present Government is that these preparations have not been carried on with sufficient energy.

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News of Town.

Political.

The Budget season is setting in with its usual severity in the matter of vaticinations as to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's good intentions towards the community. The tea scare is revived this year with an energy no whit less than that which last year so successfully trapped retailers into exhausting their stock, and tea merchants into paying duty to the tune of £600,000 in expectation of rebates. The national Exchequer netted the excess in duty paid on bonded teas, whilst the retailer had to pay a premium for prompt replenishment of his stock. This is still known —correctly or otherwise—as the Chancellor's favourite variety of the confidence trick.

At least, the Land League has to be credited with some little good. The safe-makers of Wolverhampton report trade to be unusually brisk, on account of the extensive orders from Irish bankers.

Whatever amount of truth there may be in the coming reconstruction of the Cabinet, of one thing I am certain. The advent of Lord Derby to the present Liberal Cabinet would be resented more or less openly by more than one Radical Minister. I was once told by a member of the present Government that the Radicals would never submit to the moderating influence of Lord Derby. I should not be surprised, therefore, should the noble lord take office, to find before very long secessions from the extreme wing of the Ministry, especially if the Whig element in the Cabinet should assert itself and show indications of a willingness to lean for support on the Opposition.

A remarkable rumour is afloat with regard to the reported shuffling of the Ministerial cards—not, as a contemporary puts it, that the name of Lord Derby has been mixed up in the report because of his speech on Candahar, but that by previous arrangement he was put in the forefront of the debate in the Lords as a result of certain negotiations with leading Liberal statesmen. Further, I am told that Lord Derby's speech, before it was delivered, was submitted to one or two eminent statesmen, and that the Lord of Knowsley was, in reality, though not officially, the representative of the Government. It is well known that his lordship's speech was in type before it was delivered, the reporters checking and amending the proof where the words of the noble lord rendered such necessary.

Though discredit is thrown on the rumours of Cabinet changes, I am in a position to state that those already suggested will become *faits accomplis* after Easter. Mr. Childers has not been a success at the War Office, and the Marquis of Hartington would be the very man for the army, and would be a more congenial colleague for his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. Parnell has not played his cards—at any rate, the hand he showed—much better in Paris than is his wont in Westminster. Mgr. Guibert's dealings with him are cool to the verge of contempt, and his bid for M'Mahon was a blunder of more than Hibernian calibre. The "Bayard of modern days" never carried any weight even with his friends. The weight he might have carried was that of the bullets he might have commanded. To appeal to him was like appealing to Tracy Turnerelli on behalf of the Communards. Now it is doubtful whether Hugo will interfere at all. A steadfast Protestant pleading for a Catholic faction to Frenchmen, of categories ranging from Rochefort to Veuillot, and Hugo to M'Mahon, *was* likely to get himself only into some difficulties.

Aylward, "the renegade Irishman," supposed to be chief of the staff to the Boers, has, in that sketchy way which the police affect, been "identified" with one Charles Rivers, who fifteen years ago was arrested at Warrington, near Manchester, for having on his person more lethal weapons than the local constabulary considered absolutely necessary—a dagger or two and some revolvers. The arrest, I remember, caused some local excitement. But as to the identity of "the renegade" and Rivers, I think the fact that Aylward was in the Transvaal in 1867 tolerably demolishes it.

The women are taking very kindly to the work of Land League Organisation. But they must not forget that they are "all ladiess," and behave as such.

Under the auspices of the Rochester Constitutional Association, a "big" Conservative meet is to take place in the Corn Exchange, Rochester, this evening. Among the speakers will be the Right Hon. Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., Mr. Roger Leigh, M.P. for the City, and Mr. Chas. E. Lewis, M.P. for Londonderry. Major-General Bingham, C.B., J.P., will preside.

A deputation from the Workmen's Sugar Bounty Committee attended in the lobby of the House of Commons last night, and had interviews with various Members of Parliament. Amongst these were Mr. Joseph Cowen, Sir John Lubbock, and Mr. Samuel Morley. A public meeting on the question will be held in London on the 30th inst., at which Lord Claud Hamilton will preside, and speeches will be delivered by Sir John Lubbock, Mr. Ritchie, M.P., Mr. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., Mr. P. S. MacLiver, M.P., and many others.

Politicians who know Nottingham will be surprised to hear that Mr. Saul Isaac has just announced his intention to again contest the borough "whenever a vacancy occurs." He will shortly address a meeting of the electors.

The Earl of Jersey will, in committee on the Rivers Conservancy Bill, move, in lieu of the amendments previously announced, that the expenses incurred shall in the case of land let from year to year be borne by the owner; in the case of land let on lease for a term of which 21 years or more are unexpired, the expenses to be borne by the occupier; and in the case where less than 21 years remain unexpired the expenses to be divided proportionately according to the length of time for which the lease has to run before its expiration.

In the House of Lords this evening Viscount Hardinge will ask whether it is intended to make retrospective the proposed regulations for increasing the number of field-officers in each regiment of the line. Lord Strathnairn will call attention to certain papers on Afghanistan, and to an extract of a memorandum by Sir John Lawrence. Lord Ashford will move for a return of all non-commissioned officers and privates who have left for South Africa since the 1st of January, showing their age, length of service, &c. The London City Lands (Thames

Embankment) Bill will be read a third time. Thirteen Bills have been sent down to the House of Commons this session.

Mr. Finigan, M.P., and Mr. Arthur O'Connor, M.P., are the deputation from the Irish Parliamentary Party which, in conjunction with the local leaders, will address a public meeting at Coventry this (Friday) evening in opposition to the Liberal candidate, Sir U. Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart.

Up to five o'clock last night there were eighty arrests of Land Leaguers, among them "Scrat" Nally, we are glad to hear; and we hope that well-fleshed gentleman will enjoy the comforts of Kilmainham and Miss Anna Parnell's gaol stockings for a long while to come.

Gossip of the Lobby.

Trichinosis is really a very serious matter. Mr. Biggar's mind just at present is much exercised about the alarming reports which have recently been published with regard to the extent to which these destructive little animals have been found to exist in American pigs. A few nights ago he was asleep in his place, and his companions observed that his face had assumed an uneasy expression, his hands were fiercely clenched, and great beads of perspiration stood upon his broad forehead, and he was heard to whisper, "*I spy strangers in the pork!*" The only man equal to the occasion was a friendly Land Leaguer, who shook him violently, and shouted in his ear, "Whist, Joe! wake up, man! or be jabers, the Spaaker will take that last life off ye!"

Mr. Joseph G. Biggar, M.P., is a bachelor, a teetotaller, a politician, and a pig merchant. As a pig merchant, he is a success, and as a politician he is conspicuous. His age is fifty-three, we don't know his height, and his exact weight is immaterial. His parents belonged to the Presbyterian form of religion, and during the early period of his life, Joseph firmly believed in John Calvin. The vast proportions which the trade in American pork began to assume about 1865 had, however, the effect of somewhat shaking his belief in the faith of his fathers, and for a few years the Member for Cavan flirted with Unitarianism, ultimately sinking into the extended arms of the Church of Rome.

The Services.

The Boers are not exactly the enemies against which we ought to put untried soldiers. But the 2nd battalion of the 10th, under orders for the Transvaal, has never been under fire. By the way, I am told that the 19th Hussars were "wild to go" to Africa, and, whatever my informant may mean by it, "were ready to sacrifice anything, even their commanding officer, to accomplish that end."

Another General, Brigadier Sir Thomas Baker, R.C.B., starts to-day in the *Arab*. Sir Thomas, Baker was to have started in the *Grantully Castle* on Wednesday, but he was stopped by a command to proceed to Windsor. The Queen wished to invest him with the insignia of a K.C.B. before his departure.

Lord and Lady Edward Churchill were among the passengers to the Cape in the *Grantully Castle*. Lady Edward s making the voyage for the benefit of her health.

I am sorry to see that a weekly contemporary has impugned the conduct of the 60th Rifles at Majuba, and, not content with so doing, it insinuates that they behaved as badly in the Ashantee war. Unfortunately for the statement, no battalion of the 60th has ever landed on the Gold Coast. Perhaps the writer does not know the difference between the Rifle Brigade and the 60th; but, in any case, both of those distinguished corps are quite safe in treating such charges with contempt.

Lord Napier of Magdala is to be offered a Field-Marshal's staff, in which case he will at once vacate the Governorship of Gibraltar.

The 75th Regiment left Chatham this morning, and proceeded by special trains to Portsmouth for embarkation for Malta. The regiment was 760 strong, and under the command of Colonel Hammond. It relieves the 26th at Malta, which proceeds to the Transvaal.

The Russians are arming for active service their war-vessels in the China seas, but for what object, seeing that the White Tsar is at peace with the Celestials, the consular mind is perplexed to guess. One of the finest vessels in the Muscovite navy is the *Duke of Edinburgh*.

Two more judicial appointments fall to the lot of the present Government, already so strangely favoured in the distribution of patronage. Sir John Small, the Chief Justice of Hong-Kong, is about to retire on pension (the present Attorney-Registrar, Mr. Gibbons, succeeding him), and the Honourable Mr. Justice Melville, of the Bombay High Court, has died in Egypt, on his way home to England.

The Bishop of Bloemfontein, South Africa, has been recently starring it in Dublin. He is said to have engaged a number of young Irish clergymen to accompany him back to his diocese. Of these one argued, at a meeting held within the walls, that there must be such a place as Bloemfontein, as its bishop was before them, and this convinced the Irishmen.

In the City.

Mr. H. H. Fowler, of Wolverhampton, "wants to know" (*vide* Press) all about the law costs of the prosecution of the directors of the "Northern Assurance Company." Now it was the Northern Counties of England Fire Insurance Company, Limited, that was the particular swindle in question. The Northern Insurance Company is as good as the Sun, or the Royal Exchange, or any other office, and the directors have a clear case against either Mr. Fowler or his reporters in the daily Press.

The visit of the Prince and Princess Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein to the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Tuesday was the subject of much anxiety amongst those members of the household who were deputed to receive and announce their Royal Highnesses. Ten minutes before their arrival no one was quite certain even as to the name of the distinguished foreigners; and the City Marshal, who was under orders to receive and usher them into the presence of his Lordship, would have given a month's salary on the spot to anybody that could tell him, on oath, whether the title was "Royal" or "Serene." Seated in the hall, in the full glory of cocked hat, epaulettes, and spurs, the Major looked the picture of discomfort, and holding before him the snuff-box which he is never without, took frequent pinches of pungent consolation from that receptacle. When the rattle of wheels was

heard without, he prevailed upon the ancient retainer (known to his intimates as Johnny), who occupies the capacious leathern chair, to go for him to the secretary's office, whence he presently returned, bearing the royal name and title neatly written out on a piece of paper. The very coachman, who drove their Royal Highnesses in a pair-horse brougham, was ignorant of their name and state. "He had his instructions given him on a card, but had lost the card on the way."

It is rumoured in the City that the Livery Company which distinguished itself a year or two ago by a highly successful exhibition, half technical, half artistic, in character, intends to give a masked ball during the summer season. Such an entertainment would be particularly welcome in the City this summer when, as is said, the usual balls are not to be given at the Mansion House.

It is much to the detriment of both the Brighton and South-Eastern Railway Companies that a settlement of the quarrel between them cannot be effected. At present the question is as far off arrangement as ever, and the strife between them will soon burst into flame.

A good deal of excitement prevailed at Lloyds in reference to the reported arrival at Calcutta of the ship *Shahpore*, the premium upon which had risen to 80 guineas per cent. A telegram, dated Calcutta, Thursday, 10.20 a.m., states that she has not arrived. Sailing from Liverpool in October last, two lifebuoys, bearing the ship's name, have since been picked up—hence the apprehensions in regard to her safety.

Lord Headley is the chairman of that long-named enterprise, "The Corporation of South Australian Copper Mines (Limited)." In lending his name to the prospectus, had he made full inquiry into the history of the famous Blinman and Yudana-Mutana Mines? The former, which only paid, if I remember, one small dividend of 2s. 6d. or 5s. per share, and swallowed up every penny subscribed, figures prominently amongst the company's invaluable properties. On the map accompanying the prospectus the Yudana-Mutana is conspicuous for its absence. Can the Yootoemookina be the same? Shareholders who lost their all in the old mines want to know.

English Lager Beer? No, thank you, while the real article can be bought. Germans laugh at the "Lager Beer Brewery, Limited," with its half-a-million capital, and ask, "How about the water?"

The first of the cross-channel passenger boats to be lighted by the electric light is being fitted up by the Great Eastern Railway Company. The Brush system will be adopted, and will be first applied to the *Avalon*. The light will be used in the cabin and wheel-room, as well as at the mast head and side lights.

The preliminaries are drawn up, and peace will soon be signed: *i.e.*, the feud between the Post Office and Telephone Companies is rapidly drawing to a close, on terms exceptionally favourable to the "United." A small royalty—about 10 per cent. on the nett receipts—will be paid by the companies. Quiet buying by the knowing ones has run the price of "United" stock up to 7⅞; but when the whole truth is disclosed, some pretty gambling will be witnessed.

Some three weeks back saw The Provincial Telephone Company registered, with a capital of £75,000 to work the United's patents in the provinces. Its ostensible object was to start a series of subsidiary undertakings, *à la* the American Bell Company in the States. This prospectus may not be looked for—and for a good reason, too. A new enterprise, "The National," takes its place, with a capital of £600,000, consisting of 90,000 £5 ordinary shares, and 15,000 six per cent. Preference shares of £10 each. These latter will alone be offered for public subscription—the remaining £450,000 worth of ordinary shares being divided in equal proportions between the "United" and "Provincial" Companies, in payment for their rights. The "National's" Directorate is identical with that of the Company it supplants, and includes both Professors Graham, Bell, and Mr. Edison. Needless to say the name of that indefatigable telephonist, the Hon. G. G. Hubbard, likewise appears on the Board.

Law and Police.

Mr. Lewis Potter—who, does not know his name in connection with the ruin of the City of Glasgow Bank?—having completed the term of business outlawry required by the Bankruptcy Act, was yesterday granted his discharge from all debts incurred by him prior to his sequestration. Mr. Sheriff Murray, of Glasgow, considerately excused Potter from attending Court. He granted a commission to the Sheriff Clerk Depute at Edinburgh, in which city, I understand, the ex-director has resided since his liberation from Perth Prison; and the declaration required by the Act was made by Potter in the privacy of his own room.

An interesting question in International law is said to have arisen owing to the arrest of one of the Land Leaguers, Michael Boyton, who claims to be an American citizen, and has communicated with the United States Minister, Mr. J. Russell Lowell, asking intervention. It is a mistake to suppose that if an American commits an offence against the criminal law he will not have to take the consequences. The Fenian "generals," Thompson and Starr, were arrested in the United States in 1870, and imprisoned for "breach of the Neutrality Laws."

Chamberlain and Barnwell still goes on at Westminster. Perhaps after saying that we have said enough on the subject.

The sufferings of the late lamented Sir Henry Jacks on were of so terrible a nature as to cause the greatest distress to his friends. To afford him momentary relief, sheets of strong paper were placed in his hands to tear to pieces.

In the Probate and Divorce Court to-day, before the Right Honourable the President, the case of Furrell v. Furrell and Robinson was heard. Mr. Wills, Q.C., for the petitioner, Mr. Masterman for the respondent. Mr. Wills, in opening the case, explained that the respondent was the daughter of Mr. Herapath, a stockbroker, and that she married the petitioner, also a stockbroker, in 1872. The latter becoming defaulter was forced to go abroad, Mrs. Furrell accompanying him. In 1877 the latter returned, and shortly afterwards made the acquaintance of Lieut. Robinson. Returning to Australia, she confessed she had committed adultery with that gentleman. The case is continuing.

At the Guildhall Police Court to-day the summons against Mr. Ernest Jessop, 16, Elgin-road, Notting-hill, to answer a charge of obtaining £16 from Mr. Ollendorff, by false pretences, was dismissed, Sir W. E. Rose expressing himself pleased with the result.

In the Tichborne case their lordships, without calling

upon the counsel for the Crown to argue the case, affirmed the conviction and dismissed the appeal.

In the matter of Clark *v.* Bradlaugh, M.P., in the Queen's Bench, this morning, Mr. Justice Matthew delivered judgment for the plaintiff on the main question, and for the defendant on the question of religious belief.

Gossip of Town.

The neatest habit and hack which used to gladden the eyes of Park frequenters will be missed from the Row this year. One of the prettiest launches on the Thames will have a new owner, and one of the most delightful riparian retreats near Windsor will be to let. Domestic differences have broken up a pleasant establishment, and friends mourn over a conjugal rupture never to be healed.

History repeats itself. For years the Temple has been unfashionable as a residence, and the famous suppers in chambers, so associated with Lamb, Coleridge, and Hazlitt, with Thackeray, Bolland, Billy Russell, and Charles Coleman, with Hale and Frank Talfourd, have fallen into desuetude. But an attempt has been made to revive them, and one or two *réunions* in the Law Buildings in Temple Gardens, at which very illustrious company has been present, have been held with distinguished success.

Brighton folk will be interested to know that Mr. Robert Taylor has fixed upon April, June, and October for his next annual subscription concerts. The following is the programme:—*Jephtha*, Handel; *The Building of the Ship*, Barnett; *Messe Solennelle*, Rossini; *Athalie*, Mendelssohn; *42nd Psalm*, Mendelssohn; *Madrigals* and *Part Songs*, with Mr. F. Butler, jun., at the organ.

Archdeacon Dunbar's chapel in Tavistock-place is at present placarded, "These spacious premises to be sold." *Sic transit.*

I am requested to deny the rumour that the Salisbury is to be amalgamated with its *confrère* in King-street. The Orleans Committee repudiated the proposal.

There is no truth in the report that Mr. Herbert Gladstone is engaged to a daughter of Mrs. Tollemache, the *pseudo* Lady Huntingtower.

There is a story current that the late Mr. Carlyle was a terrible domestic tyrant. At breakfast-time he would come down grumbling, and glancing at the well-spread board, declare the food to be unfit for a dog. Mrs. Carlyle thereupon would order the girlto take the despised viands back to the kitchen. Presently, when the philosopher was beginning to grow desperately hungry, his spouse would order the same dishes to be brought back, which her husband immediately proceeded to devour with infinite relish, and without any more ado. No wonder that the sage considered his wife a greater woman than either George Sands or George Eliot.

Amongst the names upon which the Senatus of the University of Aberdeen have conferred the degree of LL.D., appear those of Lieut.-General Sir Donald Stewart, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in India; and Major Sir George Strahan, M.A., K.C.M.G., Governor of Tasmania. Both these recipients are graduates of the University.

The Duke of Devonshire is at present endeavouring to prove that he is a Whig in more than name by interfering with the water-courses on his Derbyshire estate, which—notably at Ashford-in-the-Water—has hitherto been subject to destructive incursions on the part of the Wye. When his operations are complete, he will continue to inflict a further outrage on the Conservative feeling of the county by re-christening the aqueous hamlet, Ashford-out-of-the-Water.

The last enterprise in street locomotion made its *début* yesterday. The London Road Cars Company paraded the principal thoroughfares with a string of novel vehicles, which seem at the first blush to possess some advantage over the time-honoured 'bus. They are easier to enter and leave; it is not a high climb to the top; there are lockers for parcels, and the conveyances are well horsed. If to these the company can add the boon of waiting-rooms at various points, like they have in Paris, the new road cars would probably find much favour in the sight of the public.

The Lord Mayor's somewhat enthusiastic remarks on the subject of the House of Lords, which marked his early speeches, have been a cause of offence I hear, and it is even whispered, that a committee has been formed to note his future utterances!

It is now almost settled, I am informed by a correspondent, that Mr. Bœhm's statue of the late Mr. Carlyle will be selected by the Memorial Committee appointed for the purpose of raising a monument to the great seer. The site chosen will be some suitable spot on the Chelsea Embankment, close to the house where he lived. The statue, which is completed, represents him in a sitting form, and will be familiar to many from the numerous photographs of it which have lately been appearing in the windows of the west-end print-sellers.

The last news from Lord Lonsdale is that of the safe arrival of his yacht, the *Northumbria*, off the Bermudas. He starts almost immediately for his cruise in tropical waters.

To remedy the obstruction in Fleet Street, the Commissioners of Sewers are about to set back the buildings from Chancery Lane to Bell Yard, a distance of eight feet; but lingerers in "Haunted London" are already deploring the prospect of the "Griffin" swallowing the "Cock," that antique tavern being doomed either to removal, or, at the least, to curtailment of its fair proportions. Another obstruction which will soon be a thing of the past is that caused to river traffic by the oldest of our bridges—the many-piered Vauxhall.

The funeral of the late Lord Seafield, which lasted over two days, must have been very impressive. Over a thousand of the Grants turned out, and, each furnished with a sprig of pine or Scotch heather, followed the remains of their chief to the burying-place at Dultril, tramping with slow and stately step to the weird notes of the pibroch, through the heavy snow which fell on Friday night.

Mr. Hwfa Williams, whose coming marriage with Miss Florence Farquahson, was recently announced, is laid up with rheumatic fever at the house of the lady's brother.

Yesterday the Eton College boys had a holiday, it having been given to them at the request of Sir Frederick Roberts on his appointment to the command at the Cape.

I regret to hear that, owing to a severe attack of rheumatism, the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon was unable last evening to deliver his usual Thursday lecture in the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

DRURY-LANE.—MOTHER GOOSE.—LAST THREE NIGHTS.

MORNING PERFORMANCE SATURDAY NEXT, at 2.0. Doors open at 1.30. Children half-price on payment at the doors mornings only.

DRURY-LANE.—MOTHER GOOSE, by E. L. Blanchard. Music by Wallerstein.—The SUCCESS of the SEASON.—Miss KATE SANTLEY, Ada Blanche, Addie Blanche, E. D'Auban, De Vere, and L. Payne. The Children of the School of Dancing.

THE REFLECTED STATUE BALLET, acknowledged the Ballet of the Season.

THE WORLD, the most Successful Drama of modern times (withdrawn in the zenith of its success to make way for the Christmas Pantomime), will be REVIVED on MONDAY, March 14, supported by Augustus Harris, Wilman Rignold, Macklin, Gibson, Bolcyn, Lily, Gresham, Linda Payne. Prices: Private Boxes, £5 5s. to £1 1s.; 10s., 5s., 4s., 3s., 2s., 1s., 6d.

"The Cuckoo" Calendar
of
The Week's Events,
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, TO THURSDAY, MARCH 17.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE, HAYMARKET. — SPECIAL NOTICE.—EVENING PERFORMANCES on and after Monday, March 14, and one Matinee Every Saturday at 3.0. The FIRST EVENING PERFORMANCE will take place on MONDAY NEXT, March 14, at 7.30, and be continued Every Evening (for a limited number of nights). The performances will consist of a Comic Operetta, and will combine in a Drawing-room Entertainment.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—Comic Operetta UN MARIAGE A BERGAME; Music by Francis Lourille; characters by Madame Riviere, Madame Theres, and Mons. Henet. The following Comic Artists, Singers, Diseltists, Dancers, &c., will also appear: Mr. T. W. Barrett, Miss Marie Gilchrist, the Charles, Dutch Daly, the Sisters Richmond, Mr. Herbert Campbell, Mille Corti (the Savori of the Mandolin), Mr. John Lester (le Jongleur Extraordinaire), Mdlle. Kadosja (la Celebre Chanteuse Africaine), and Les Mogoli (Grotesques), in Ballet Pantomime. Private Boxes, 5s. to £2 12s. 6d.; Stalls, 5s.; Grand Circle, 3s. 6d.; Boxes, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Gallery Stalls, 1s.; Gallery, 6d.—DAILY, from 3.0. to 5.0.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.—The DIRECTOR'S BENEFIT will take place on SATURDAY, March 19, Morning at 3.0, Evening at 7.30.

LYCEUM.—Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. HENRY IRVING.—THE CUP.—THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.—Alfred Tennyson's Tragedy, THE CUP, THIS EVENING at a Quarter to Eight. Miss Ellen Terry, Mr. Irving. Mr. Terriss. THE CORSICAN BROTHERS at 8.30. Mr. Irving—at his Original Request—after Last Morning Performance of THE CUP, SATURDAYS, March 12th and 19th.—Box Office now open to Fix, or by Letter or Telegram.

LYCEUM. — PROSPECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—Mr. IRVING has much pleasure in announcing that, in compliance with a generally-expressed wish of the public, he has made arrangements for varying the Lyceum Programme, and has decided to withdraw, in the full tide of its success, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS, the last performance of which will take on Saturday Evening, April 9, its 180th representation.

ON SATURDAY, April 16, the Summer Season will commence, when will be produced the BELLS and FAUSTAGRAM. Doricourt, Mr. Irving; Letitia Hardy, Miss Ellen Terry. Preceded by Alfred Tennyson's Tragedy, THE CUP.

Mr. Irving is gratified in being able to inform the public that on MONDAY, April 7, a Series of SPECIAL PERFORMANCES will commence, when Mr. EDWIN BOOTH will appear, in conjunction with Mr. IRVING and Miss ELLEN TERRY, in Shakespeare's Tragedy OTHELLO. These Special Representations will be on each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On those evenings of the term of the house—viz., upper circle, amphitheatre, pit, and gallery—will remain as usual. On each of the intervening evenings, viz., Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, during this special engagement, THE CUP and the BELLS & FAUSTAGEM will be played.

The Summer Season will terminate at the end of July, and before its close Mr. IRVING, in continuation with Miss ELLEN TERRY, will appear in the following Plays from the Lyceum repertoire:—

HAMLET, MERCHANT OF VENICE, CHARLES I., and EUGENE ARAM.

On September 5, the entire Lyceum Company will commence a Tour of Great Britain and Ireland, and will be absent from London until the end of December.—LYCEUM.—Private Boxes, £4 4s; £3 3s., £2 12s. 6d., £1 11s. 6d.; Stalls, 10s.; Dress Circle, 6s.; Upper Circle, 4s.; Amphitheatre, 2s. 6d.; Pit, 2s.; Gallery, 1s.

ADELPHI THEATRE, STRAND.

MANAGERS, Messrs. A. and S. GATTI.—THIS EVENING, at 8.0, THE GREEN BUSHES. Mr. Henry Neville; Messrs. J. G. Taylor, Rosier, Proctor, and Shiel Barry; Mesdames Bernard-Beere, Modjeska, Jecks, Le Thiere, Barry, and Foote. At 7.45, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER.

COMING EVENTS.

12TH.—Royal Institution Lecture; Shelford Bidwell, M.A., LL.B.

12TH.—Commemorative Dinner, Palmerston Club, Oxford; Lord Rosebery presiding.

14TH.—Conservative Meeting, Prospect; Sir J. Holker presiding; Lecture by Mr. John Stansfeld, C.E., on Cheap Patents and National Prosperity; S. Morley, M.P., in the chair.

15TH.—Conservative Club Dinner, Preston. Concert at Kensington Garden in aid of Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows. Dramatic Entertainment, St. Ashley place, 2.45, in aid of Throat and Chest Diseases Hospital.

17TH.—New Science School, Oldham, opened by Lord Derby.

STEEPLECHASE MEETINGS.

16TH.—Derby Hunt.

15TH.—Derby Hunt, Crewkerne, and Cheltenham.

17TH.—Ingoe and Dissington Hunt; Cambridgeshire.

17TH.—Horncastle, Four Oaks Park, Great Northern Hunt, and Carnarvonshire Hunt.

HUNTING.

12TH.—Duke of Beaufort's, Broad Somerford, 11. Mr. Garth's, Frogmore Park, Blackwater, 11; Pytchley, 12, Orendon, 11. Queen's, 12, The Barrow Lodge, 11; Vine, Sherborne, St. John, 10.45. North Cotswold, Elkston Thorns, 11; Campdenwold, Morden Heath, 11.

14TH.—Old Berkshire, Childrey, Canal Bridge, 11; Cottesmore, South Luffenham Hall, 11. Essex, Shenks Hill. Mr. Harrison's, Farnham Bush, Aldermaston. The Heythrop at Broera, 12. The Pytchley, Sywell Wood and Dcree, 11. Mr. Fernie's, Old Dalby, 12. North Cheshire Iddnel Hall. Sir Bache Cunard's, Kilby, 11. Fitzwilliam, Hemel Wood, 11. Meynell, Ingleby, 12. Bicester and Warwickshire, Silchill, 12. Sir W. W. Wynn's, Whittington Hall, 11. Mr. Hargreaves', Compton Bar, 11.

17TH.—Cottesmore, Overton Wood, 11. Mr. Hargreaves, Coombe Lodge, Queen, 12. Queen and Quorndon House, 12. South Cheshire, Wrenbury. Cambridgeshire, Hall, 11. Mr. Fernie's, Wickenbury, Stonesfield Abbey, 12. York and Ainsty, Skip Bridge Inn, 11.

16TH.—Old Berkshire, Tubney Tree, 11. Essex, Lordwood Common, 11. Heythrop, Feddington, 11. Pytchley, Crick, 11. South Cheshire, Bradfield Green. Fitzwilliam, Bythorne Toll Bar, 11. Meynell, The Kennels, 12. Sir W. Wynn's, Tedgwood Green, 10.30.

17TH.—Coltesmore, Clepsham Hall, 11. Mr. Heryreve's, Spencer's Wood Common, 11. Pytchley, Cranford, 12. North Cheshire Hounds, Oulton Park. North Cotswold. The Kennels, 11. Sir Bache Cunard's, Burton Mery, 12. Fitzwilliam, Thorshanger, 11. Meynell, Ingleby Arms, Thirkleby, Belton Village, 12. York and Ainsty, Rihston Hall.

18TH.—Old Berkshire, Lambourn, 11. Essex, The Blue Gates, 11. Mr. Hargreave's, 11. Erring Park Hunt, 11.15. Heythrop, Chipping Norton, Queen Keylaso, 12. South Cheshire, Ridley Toll Bar. Cambridgeshire, Ashley's Head, 11. Bush Wood, 12. Sir W. W. Wynn's, Erdig, 10.30.

COURSING.

15TH (ADV 15TH).—Carnichael, Scotland.

15TH (ADV 16TH).—South of England, Stockbridge.

16TH.—Hamilton and Muirton Meetings, Bickerstaffe, Lancashire.

16TH (ADV 17TH).—Mayfham, Norfolk.

19TH (ADV 18TH.)—Clippesby, Norfolk.

ROWING.

12TH.—T. Herbertand A. Devereux, Anchor R.C.; Surrey United R.C., scratch fours.

High water at London Bridge—Friday, 11th: Morning, 10.46; Afternoon, 11.28. Saturday, 12th: Morning, 0.0; Afternoon, 0.0. Sunday, 13th: Morning, 0.27; Afternoon, 0.51. Monday, 14th: Morning, 1.11; Afternoon, 1.30. Tuesday, 15th: Morning, 1.47; Afternoon, 2.4. Wednesday, 16th: Morning, 2.15; Afternoon, 2.33. Thursday, 17th: Morning, 2.49; Afternoon, 3.4. Friday, 18th: Morning, 3.20; Afternoon 3.38.

ATHLETICS.

11 (and 12).—Merton College, Oxford.

12.—Thames Hare and Hounds. Long Distance Challenge Cup.

14.—City and Guilds School. Assault of Arms at Chequers-yard, Aldgate.

14.—Astley's Belt Champion Belt, run for at Lillie Bridge.

14.—Oxford University. Athletic Club Sports.

15.—Oxford University. Athletic Club Sports.

15.—Queen's College, Galway.

15 (and 16).—Corpus College, Cambridge.

17 (and 18).—Cambridge University, Sports.

FOOTBALL.

12TH.—International Association, England v. Scotland, Kennington Oval, 3.15 p.m. At Dulwich, Dulwich College v. Royal Naval College. At Lee, London Scottish v. Clapham Rovers; London Scottish v. Rob Roy. At Manchester, Leeds v. Manchester. At Glasgow, Queen's Clubtonians v. West. Kent. At Battersea, London International College v. Merchant Taylors' School.

BICYCLING.

11TH.—City of London B.C., annual ball at Cannon-street Hotel. Star B.C., general meeting, Haven Hotel, Clapton, 8 p.m.

12TH.—Stanley B.C., meet at Athenæum, Camden-road, 3.45 p.m. (for run). Lombard B.C., opening run. Concord B.C., opening run.

14TH.—Crescent B.C., annual dinner, Station Hotel, Camberwell.

15TH.—Highbury B.C., social, Canonbury Tavern, 8 p.m. Lombard B.C., evening concert, Hampstead Vestry Hall. Chelsea B.C., social, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea.

16TH.—Temple B.C., closing social at Anderton's Hotel Fleet-street, 8 p.m. Clarence B.C., musical meeting, Lord's Head, St. John's wood. Acton B.C., social, at Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, E.C.

SHOOTING.

14 (15 and 16).—Champion Challenge Cup Pigeon Match, Hendon.

17.—North Warwickshire, Bolton Village, 12. York and Ainsty, Rihston Hall.

MASONIC FIXTURES.

11.—Lodges 33, 134, 157, 177, 1,091, K.T., D.

12.—Lodges 108, 175, 176, 1625, 1625, 1743.

14.—Lodges 29, 29, 60, 136, 165, 222, 1366, 1571, 1610, 1656, 1857, 191, 1799. R.A.C., 38, 1158. Rose Croix, 33.

15.—Board of General Purposes at 4.—Lodges 26, 73, 95, 132, 194, 435, 704, 857, 1423, 1633. R.A.C., 46, 203.

16.—Lodge Grand Stewards, 1, 140, 174, 190, 708, 1044, 1150, 1549, 1382, 1507, 1624, 1629, 1673. Mark, 144. Royal Arch, 79.

17.—Thursday St. Patrick's day.—Lodges 22, 40, 55, 63, 169, 170, 181, 733, 813, 1129, 1278, 1287, 1385, 1478, 1512, 1625, 1703, 1728. R.A.C., 217, 824, 1216.

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SOLE LESEE and MANAGER, Mr. WALTER GOOCH. THIS EVENING, at 7.45, KING LEAR: Lear, Mr. Edwin Booth; Messrs. Ryder, Redmund, Beauchamp, Rayner, Herbette, Calhaen, Charles, &c.; Misses Maud Milton, Temple, and Agnes Thomas. Preceded, at 7.15, by THAT BLESSED BABY. Private Boxes, £3 3s. to £1 1s.; Stalls, 10s.; Dress Circle, 5s.; Pit, 2s.; Amphitheatre, 1s. 6d.; Gallery, 1s.

CHURCH NOTICES.

PREACHERS FOR SUNDAY.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—10.30. 3.15, Rev. Canon Gregory. 7.0, Dean of Lincoln.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.—10.0, Rev. Canon Prothero. 3.0, Rev. J. G. Pilkington.

CHAPEL ROYAL, WHITEHALL.—11.0, Dean of Durham. 3.0, Hon. and Rev. L. Neville.

CHAPEL ROYAL, ST. JAMES'S.—10.0. 12.0., ST. PETER'S, EATON SQUARE.—11 and 7. Anthems at both.

CHAPEL ROYAL SAVOY.—11.30, Bishop of Ely. 7.0, Rev. J. Lindsey.

PARISH CHURCH, KENSINGTON.—11 and 7, Hon. and Rev. Carr Glyn.

HOLY TRINITY, BROMPTON.—11.0, Bishop of Derry.

ST. LUKE'S, OLD STREET.—11.0, Ven. Archdl. Blomfield. (Before the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs.)

GREEK CHURCH.—11, Rev.—Myriantheus.

TEMPLE.—St. Paul's Cathedral, 3.15, City Temple, 12, Rev. Dr. Parker. St. Andrew, Holborn, 8.15, Rev. Canon Farrar.

FRIDAY.—St. Paul's, 3.15, Rev. T. B. Dover. Chapel Royal, Whitehall, 12, Rev. W. Carpenter. St. Alban, Holborn, 8, Rev. Prebendary Sinclair. Ann, Soho, 8, Bach's Passion Music (tickets on application). St. Stephen, Westminster, Rev. F. J. Holland.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES.

MONDAY.—St. Paul's Cathedral, 1.15. St. Alban, Holborn, 8.

TUESDAY.—St. Paul's, 1.15. St. Alban, Holborn, 8.

WEDNESDAY.—St. Paul's, 1.15. Parish Church, Kensington, Rev. Carr Glyn. St. Giles, High Chapel Royal, Whitehall, 12. St. Stephen, Westminster. St. Peter, Eaton Square, 11 and 7 o'clock, Canon Wilkinson: at 5, sermon by Canon Barry. St. Alban, Holborn, 11 and 7 o'clock, Rev. A. Mahonesdale. St. Botolph, Aldgate, 11 a.m. and 7. City Temple, 11 and 7, Dr. Parker. St. Stephen, South Kensington, Bishop of Bloemfontein. St. Michael's, Chester-square, 11, Canon Fleming.

FRIDAY.—St. Paul's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY.—Jewish Synagogue, Bayswater, 10 a.m. St. Michael's, Chester-square, Prayer Meeting, 5 p.m.

ART GALLERIES.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS.—The Exhibition of Works by the Old Masters and by Deceased Masters of the British School, including a Collection of Drawings by John Flaxman, R.A., is now open. Open from nine till seven. Is. Catalogues, 6d.; or bound in cloth, with pencil, 1s. Season tickets, 5s.

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SOCIETIES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY, at 3.—On the Absorption Spectra of Organic Bodies: Col. Festing and Capt. Abney.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—Ancient Egypt: R. S. Poole.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13.

SUNDAY LECTURE SOCIETY, at 4.—The Liver: Mrs. Fenwick Miller.

MONDAY, MARCH 14.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, at 4.—The Cetacea: Prof. Flower.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Electric Lighting: Prof. W. G. Adams.

LONDON INSTITUTION, at 5.—Gold and Silver Mines of the World: Mr. Thomas Bevan.

ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY, at 70.30.—Kant: S. Oliver.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15.

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 8.30.—On Additions to the Society's Menagerie during the Month of February, 1881: The Secretary.—Observations on the Characters of the Echeneoids. Part IV. On the *Echeneis naucrates*; their affinities and Systematic Position: Prof. W. Jeffrey Bell, F.Z.S.—Contributions to the Anatomy of Perameles Bicolor. Part IV. On some Points in the Anatomy of the Genus *Conopophaga* and its Systematic Position: W. A. Forbes.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, at 3.—The Blood: Prof. Schäfer.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—Diamond Fields of South Africa: H. M. Bernard.

WEST LONDON SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION, at 8.—Movements of Insects: G. Henslow.

STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at 7.45.—The Progress of the English Statistics in the Hill Regions of India: Hyde Clarke.

LONDON INSTITUTION, at 8.—Sanitary Assurance: Prof. de Chaumont, M.D., F.R.S.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, at 4.—The Cetacea: Prof. Flower.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, at 8.—The Compound Air-Engine; Col. F. Beaumont.

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, at 7.—Exhibition of Instruments.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17.

ROYAL SOCIETY, at 4.30.

LINNEAN SOCIETY, at 8.—On the Indian Species of *Pennisetum* and Allied Species: Otto Stapf.—Notes on Collections of Plants made by Henry J. Byrne, called THE UPPER CRUST. Barnaby Doubleclick, Mr. L. L. Toole. At 8.15, DU BOIS PARISIANISM. Mr. J. L. Toole. Box Office open 10 till 5.—No Free List.—MORNING PERFORMANCE NEXT SATURDAY, TOOTLES AND DOMESTIC ECONOMY. Prices: £3 3s., £2 2s., 10s., 6s., 3s., 2s. 6d., and 1s.

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MRS. KENDALL, having sufficiently recovered from her late severe accident, will RE-APPEAR in the character of MILLICENT ROYCOTT in THE MONEY-SPINNER, on SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, March 12. Prices: £3 3s., £2 2s., £1 1s. 6d., 10s. 6d., 6s., 4s., 2s. 6d., 1s.

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GOSSIP OF TOWN—Continued from Page 7.

It is pretty generally known that when Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Burnand meet in the same social sphere there is apt to be not a little exacerbation of feeling. The other night at a dinner table, notwithstanding their having been placed as far as possible apart, on Mr. Gilbert making some remark which created a laugh, Mr. Burnand looked up and said, "What was that, Gilbert? One of those good things, I suppose, which you send to *Punch*, but which never appear." To which Gilbert made the telling retort, "Well, I don't know who sends the 'good things,' but there is one thing certain—*they don't appear*."

Mr. A. B. C. Bartlett will not, perhaps, enjoy himself at the Rose, Hotel, Canterbury, so much as he had hoped, if the action for breach of promise of marriage, which I hear is in progress, is not averted.

Fortunately for all parties concerned, Mr. A. B. C. Bartlett can afford to assess himself in damages.

Although Lord Beaconsfield has often proved himself a most implacable political opponent, in private life, at least, he is one of the most considerate of men. The other day he sent Lord Rowton as his emissary to Messrs. Longman to say that he much regretted to hear that they were out of pocket by his last novel, and proposing, if such was the case, to abrogate the contract, and place "Endymion" on the same footing as "Lothair," which was published on the half-profit system. In reality this amounted to making Messrs. Longman a present of something like £3,000. However, that eminent firm replied that although it was true that they had not so far been recouped the price they had given, they felt no reason to doubt that they would be in course of time, but that in any case, as men of business, they could not think of availing themselves of Lord Beaconsfield's liberal and considerate offer. It is but right that an incident reflecting such credit to both author and publisher should be duly chronicled—albeit, a cheap edition of "Endymion" is to appear forthwith.

The Welsh are talking of erecting a statue to General Picton on the vacant pedestal in Trafalgar-square. He will be portrayed sitting on a cheese with a Welsh rabbit on his lap.

"THE CUCKOO."

Courts and Courtiers.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise does not go, as has been stated, to the Riviera.

Windsor Castle, in spite of the absence in Paris of the Prince of Wales, and at Sandringham of the Princess, duly celebrated yesterday the eighteenth anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses.

It would have indeed been passing strange, had not the Prince of Wales been present at the fire. He was accompanied by Mr. Knollys, to whom the French papers, of course, give the rank of Colonel. Knowing our Fire Brigade as H.R.H. personally does, he is scarcely likely to say, after what he saw in Paris, that they manage these things better in France.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales leaves Paris to-morrow.

The Fisheries Exhibition at Norwich will be honoured by the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and Prince Leopold. The Mayor of Norwich may well be accounted fortunate.

Elaborate preparations are being made in Vienna for the forthcoming Royal marriage. The *trousseau* of the Princess Stephanie is of lavish magnificence. Brussels lace has been largely employed in trimming the various garments, one piece of this lace having alone cost eleven thousand francs. Among the wedding presents is a fan of extraordinary beauty from the Countess of Flanders.

Amongst the most recent visitors to the Queen were the Danish Minister, the Countess de Falke, and Count Gleichen. During Her Majesty's residence at Windsor the splendid band of the Grenadier Guards plays daily in the forenoon upon the Castle Hill.

The latest bulletin issued from Hampton Court Palace announces that Her Royal Highness Princess Frederica (Baroness Von Pawel Rammingen) makes satisfactory progress.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will spend their Easter holidays in Norfolk.

The Earl of Beaconsfield is expected to be the guest of Lord Donington at Loudoun Castle, in Ayrshire, in the course of the autumn.

Invitations for a brilliant reception have been issued by the Countess of Stanhope for to-morrow night at the family residence, Grosvenor-place.

To-morrow (Saturday) morning, at ten o'clock, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh will embark at the Terrace Pier, Gravesend, on board the steam yacht *Lively*, to visit the training-ship *Exmouth* at Grays.

This morning the Duke of Edinburgh, the Grand Duke Alexis, and suite, left Victoria-station of the Brighton and South Coast Railway, at 9.20, by special train for Portsmouth, where they go to inspect troops previous to embarkation, and the dockyard. Mr. J. P. Knight, general manager received their Royal Highnesses, Mr. Richardson accompanying the train to Portsmouth, where the party arrived at twenty-five minutes past eleven. The Duke returns to London at half-past four this afternoon.

Is it as a sop for his disappointment in seeing Sir F. Roberts preferred for the Transvaal command that Sir Garnet Wolseley is to have a peerage? At any rate, such is the fact, and the gallant General has decided on taking an Irish title.

The Empress hunted yesterday, for the first time, with Sir Vincent Corbet's hounds, near Shrewsbury. The world and his wife were out, especially the latter. It is a pity that the day was unfortunate, as the weather was fine and the land had dried so completely after the wind yesterday, that galloping was enjoyable. The hounds chopped the fox, and another, owing to the negligence of a keeper in not stopping the earth, went to ground after a ten minutes' run. To-morrow, much to the chagrin of the Cheshire Hunt and the Crewe population, Her Majesty will hunt at Baschurch, with Sir Watkin Wynn's hounds. Mr. McDonald, who for the last three years supplied Her Majesty with horses to hunt with, has left for good. His place as manager of the equine department is now filled by Major Bulkeley. We understand that Her Majesty is greatly disappointed at the Cheshire country, and has frankly stated that the fences are too small and the foxes too scarce

for her to spend another spring here. Her Majesty is at present spending £1,000 a day, which will enrich Cheshire by £40,000. Ireland, only for the Land League, might have reaped this by-no-means small expenditure. She still retains all her Irish grooms, and is far more at home with them than any members of her household that come from other countries. One of the finest horsemen in Europe—Captain "Bay" Middleton—still pilots her with success.

At the Arts Club.

At the Vaudeville, *Tom Pinch*, a dreary three-act play, was received last night with respect, simply because Charles Dickens was the author of "Martin Chuzzlewit." The most irreverent wag would not have dared ridicule a work that had the most remote or distant affinity to the great original creation of the novelist. It was amusing, however, to note the sublime assurance of a Mr. Joseph Dilley and Mr. Lewis Clifton, two meek-faced and mild-eyed young men, who persuaded themselves they were dramatists, and positively appeared before the curtain, bowing, scraping and smiling, because they had taken the trouble to buy a book, a pair of scissors, and a paste-pot, and to mutilate the incomparable text of a genius. Why were they called, wherefore did they appear, what had they done?

Mr. Thomas Thorne as the hero was "conscientious"—a vile phrase that means nothing, and that is just what I would express. There was one capital, full-blooded staccato bit of acting by Mr. J. Maclean as old Chuzzlewit; but, for my own part, I shall remember nothing so well or so gratefully as the Mary Graham of Miss Kate Bishop, a pretty girl of forty years ago, in dove-coloured silk, with leg-of-mutton sleeves, and a deliciously captivating coal-scuttle bonnet, decorated with white lace; or as the Ruth Pinch whom I cheerfully see flitting about the precincts of Garden Court before the plashing fountain was demoralised, debased, and blotted out from the sacred spots of old London.

It is already known that æstheticism will form the subject of the next piece produced at the Opera Comique by Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan. In one of the scenes the curtain rises and discovers a sentimental lady, of well-developed proportions, playing a nocturne on the violoncello by the side of a lake.

The absurdities of æstheticism have already furnished materials for two dramatists, Mr. Albery and Mr. Burnand. We have said that Mr. Gilbert is dealing with them, and they are also being taken up by song-writers. A sort of lament by a disciple of æstheticism, written by Mr. Arthur Mathison, and set to music by Isidor de Lara, was sung with great success a few nights ago at one of the musical meetings of the Green Room Club. The vocalist on this occasion was Mr. Mathison, the author of the words. *Ly Dado* is the title of the composition.

Miss Zimmermann returns from her tour in Germany—weather, and especially sea, permitting—on the 11th inst. She has played with her usual success at many famous concerts, among others the Gervandhaus Leipsic.

Those who are acquainted with Miss Zimmermann's edition of Beethoven's Sonatas will be glad to know that she has been asked to edit the works of Schumann, Chopin, and Schubert. Schumann is in hand.

A bust of Carlyle, from life, by Mr. M. Brodie, R.S.A., now in the exhibition of the Royal Scottish Academy, has just been bought by private purchase for £105.

The rising contralto, Miss Marion M'Kenzie, is engaged to be married to a well-known organist. As it is by no means his first appearance in this capacity, let us hope the fly will not escape from the net this time.

A summons for libel has been granted against the proprietor of the *Scarborough Mercury*, at the instance of Sir Charles Legard, for having published an offensive song, entitled "Poor Charley," in his paper. The summons will be heard next week. Songs are dangerous things to raise such actions upon. They are easily committed to memory, and you cannot raise an action easily against one for singing them.

Mrs. Kendal will, no doubt, receive a warm welcome when she re-appears at the St. James's to-morrow night, pale from her recent terrible accident, and with her arm still in a sling. She had the very narrowest escape. Another minute or two and she must have succumbed from loss of blood.

Miss Amy Roselle, we are glad to see, has so far recovered from her recent serious illness as to be able to take her place again in *The Colonel* at the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Brock, Foley's pupil, who succeeded to Foley's studio, and who is likely to be the next A.R.A. of the chisel, has just finished and sent to foundry a bust of Sir Frederick Leighton.

The five hangers of this year's Academy Exhibition have been chosen. Landscape art will be looked after by Vicat Cole—a statement which will not read very cheerfully to the more advanced of our landscapists. Lumb Stocks is the representative of the engravers. Mr. Hodgson and, I think, Mr. Leslie, are two other members of the little group that can make or mar the successes of the coming artistic season.

I have been to see the pretty memorial raised over Miss Neilson's grave in Brompton Cemetery. The inscription is as simple as the white marble cross above it—"In loving memory of Adelaide Neilson; died 15th August, 1880." The grave is enclosed by a marble border, and loving hands have planted over it a few young trees.

The Day's Amusements.

It is a little more than a month since we were sleighing in Hyde-park, and now we have started Lawn Tennis. The Inter-Collegiate Match at Oxford has commenced, and some capital play may be seen each day at the Park Grounds. Yesterday the two first items on the card were played off, when University (J. G. Horn and C. B. Russell) beat Balliol (J. Strachey and B. Mallet); Balliol (2) (F. W. Pember and J. R. Walrond) beat Pembroke (Mr. Burn and G. P. Hawley.)

The great shooting match between Dr. Carver, the champion of the world, and Mr. Scott, champion of

England, at 20,000 glass balls, for £600, still continues. Last night both competitors were level, having broken 1,909 balls each. This certainly seems the most wonderful "dead heat" on record.

Negotiations are going on for the alteration of the date of Jupp's benefit, which now clashes with Eton and Harrow. The Reigate Cricket Week will be the last week in July, when the Priory Club, besides meeting M.C.C. and Surrey, will play the Stock Exchange.

The biggest event of the London Football season comes off to-morrow (Saturday) at Kennington-oval, when the Scots will try to beat the picked eleven of English Association players. Harry McNeil, the fastest of forwards, will be in the Scotch team, and I think the Englishmen will have all their work to hold their own. The kick-off will take place at 3.15 p.m. sharp, and the usual dinner will follow the match.

What is Mr. Moore going to do with Liberator for the Grand National?

There is every probability of a first-class team of professionals, led by Alfred Shaw, Arthur Shrewsbury, and James Lillywhite, going on a big tour as soon as county cricket is over.

They will play five or six matches in America, about as many in New Zealand, and then sail for Melbourne, where they expect to arrive next Boxing Day—the big day of the Victorian season—and will play as much cricket in Australia and Tasmania as they can, to get home again by May Day, 1882.

The Cambridge University crew is improving daily, and on the banks of the Cam the quoted odds of 2 to 1 on Oxford are regarded as ridiculously absurd. They are undoubtedly a better crew than last year, and if they progress during the interval between the present date and the 8th proximo as they have done during the past week, since the advent of Sandford, they will make a rattling good race, in spite of the disparity of the weights of the two crews.

Good weather, with pleasant sunshine, an absence of wind, and smooth water, induced the Oxford crew to try a journey over the long course yesterday. Heavy floods still held possession of the towing path, and Mr. Higgins, of Magdalen College, their mentor, "coached" them from the stern of the boat. The crew, which has now been definitely fixed, weighs 95st. 2lb. Mr. C. M. Benson, who acts as mentor to the Cambridge men, was also out with his crew. After a lot of wasted time, they managed, on the third attempt, to get through Jesus' Lock. They did some good work afterwards. Most of the crew in the afternoon visited the Lent races.

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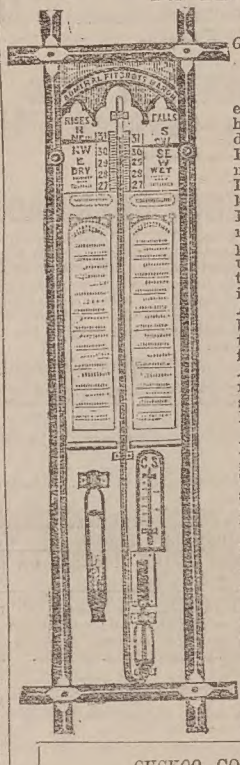

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